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TO: All ABD Medicaid Policy Manual Holders

All Family Medicaid Policy Manual Holders

All TANF Cash Assistance Policy Manual Holders

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SUBJECT: Bulletin MA-94

Bulletin FMA-53 Bulletin TB-50

ABD MA Manual: Place this bulletin at the beginning of ABD 402-2 and ABD 501-2
FMA Manual: Place this bulletin at the beginning of FMA 402-2 and FMA 501-2
TANF Manual: Place this bulletin at the beginning of TANF 402-2 and TANF 501-2

SUBJECT: Native American Income and Resources

Crow Boundary Settlement Act of 1994 also known as the 107th

Meridian Settlement Funds

REFERENCE: P.L. 103-444 Crow Boundary Settlement Act 1994

EFFECTIVE DATE: 2/1/09

PEN & INK CHANGE: Please make note in ABD, FMA, and TANF 402-2, page 1,

"Countable Resources" referring to this bulletin. Also note in ABD and FMA 501-2 page 5, "Countable Sources" and in TANF 501-2

page 6, "Countable Sources" referring to this bulletin.

INTRODUCTION: The 107th Meridian Settlement payments (AKA Senior Benefit

payments) are excluded as income and as a resource for ABD Medicaid, Family Medicaid, and the TANF program per P.L. 103-444. This policy change will have a positive effect on participants as this will allow the Senior Benefit income received by the Crow

elders to be excluded.

NEW POLICY: Senior Benefit payments received by the Crow elders are

excluded as income and resources for ABD Medicaid, Family

Medicaid, and TANF.

UPDATED MANUAL MATERIAL WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UNTIL THAT TIME, USE THIS BULLETIN AS A GUIDE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL POLICY SPECIALISTS.